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Dear parents,

I am thrilled to write to you this week and share so much amazing news with you all.

I would like to start with some of our amazing children. All schools must sit national tests and assessments in EYFS and Key stage 2 and I thrilled to share our results with you all.

Our children in reception received 100% GLD in all areas, which means they are thriving in their first year at school. Well done to Meadow, Miles and Emma. We could not be prouder of you all - you have all made such a great start to your school journey and that is down to your hard work. Also a special thank you to Mrs Kirkpatrick who has nurtured and inspired these children since January.





Our year 6 children also sat their KS2 SATs in June and again I am thrilled to share they all received 100% at expected level in reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. We also saw two of our girls receive greater depth across some of these areas - that means they are in the top 10% of the country at this level. This is an incredible result for Grace, Sienna, Bonnie and Olivia and we could not be prouder of you all. You have been an incredible year 6 in so many ways and with results like this you are certainly going out with a bang! Again, a special thank you to the girls' teacher Miss Fairhurst. You have worked incredibly

hard with these children and inspired them to be the best version of themselves beyond the curriculum. Thank you so much for showing them what is possible! These results show the impact our raising standards have had on our children, and we could not be prouder.



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We also welcomed our new reception cohort this week for their second settling in session. They have all settled in so well and we are very excited to welcome Henry, Sam, Horacio, Felicity and Arya to our school. It's so lovely to have 5 new children joining us next year and here is just a snippet of what they got up to in their recent settling in sessions. We can already tell they are going to be a great cohort and achieve amazing things during their time with us!

This week we recruited two new teachers for class 1 and 2 - this means we have a full compliment of experienced, skilled and passionate teachers for our school in September. I asked them to write a little about themselves and why they chose our school and this is what the wanted to share with you. Happy reading!

## Class 1 teacher - Mrs Williams

Hello, My name is Mrs Williams and I am so excited to get to meet you all and work in your wonderful school!

I have over 20 years teaching experience and am currently teaching in a busy school in Manchester. I have been SENCO here for 9 years, but my main love is for all things early years! I have taught all classes in my current school but most of my experience is in nursery, reception and years 1 and 2.

I am really looking forward to working in a small, friendly and more rural community and loved everything about the school when I visited.



I love being in the great outdoors and can't wait to drive to school and see the hills, birds and animals on my commute. I enjoy camping and walks with my family, paddleboarding, baking and all things crafty and creative which I can't wait to bring into our learning in class 1.



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## Class 2 teacher - Mrs Slater

Hello, my name is Mrs Slater and I am delighted to join the team at Pott Shrigley Church School.

Pott Shrigley is a unique and special school which captured my heart and imagination the minute I walked through the gates. From the peaceful and tranquil setting to the smiles on the staff children's faces, it was a school I didn't want to leave. It is a privilege to be invited to join the team.

I have been a primary teacher for 13 years, working across all year groups and leading Key Stage 1. Designing and delivering a pupil focused and bespoke curriculum is at the heart of my teaching. I am passionate about phonic and reading provision, ensuring our children get the very best start to their education. I am experienced in curriculum design for mixed age classes and will endeavour to provide inclusive, engaging and challenge-based lessons where each pupil can meet their full potential.



I have 2 children myself aged 4 and 6. I enjoy taking them to visit new places, gaining new experiences and watching them flourish. I am a keen music listener, however my choices of Boyzone and the Spice Girls aren't everyone's favourite! I enjoy going to the gym and joining my children on park runs.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to getting to know children and their families in the new academic year.



## <u>Class 3 teacher – Mrs Kennedy</u>

Hello everyone, I'm Mrs Kennedy and I'm very excited to be joining the new team at Pott Shrigley and teaching Class 3! I have already met some of the lovely parents and children at this year's Rose Queen and at Church but am looking forward to getting to know all the Pott family better over the next few months.

My four children all attended Pott Shrigley and we have such fond memories of our time as a school family. I am still involved in many of our village events, as I live locally, so it seemed the perfect opportunity to have a professional involvement in the school community too.

I have taught in years 5 and 6 for over ten years and bring with me a wealth of experience of the KS2 curriculum, assessment and subject leadership.

Outside of teaching, I love walking and gardening and spending time with my family and friends - as well as my sheep dog - Dot!

I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe summer break and can't wait to get started with our Autumn term's learning.

All teachers will be in school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July to meet the children and families and will also be visitors to our family afternoon tea event - they are very excited to meet you all.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst we recruit the best standard of professionals for our children. It has been an incredibly hard time as we prepare to say goodbye to Mrs Kirkpatrick, Miss Millington and Miss Fairhurst. They have all had an incredible impact on our school and children and I have enjoyed working alongside them immensely. I would like to assure you that the high standards, nurture and excellence created by our current teachers will continue into the next academic year as we grow as a school and community.



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Then finally, our merit winners this week, we could not pick so have awarded to the whole class, we are so proud of you all!

| Class 1     | Class 2     | Class 3     |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Whole class | Whole class | Whole class |

Have a wonderful weekend with your families and thank you for your continued support as we grow as a school and community.

Mrs Willis Headteacher

## **Diary Dates:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Class 3 Brass lesson

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 to climb the belltower at St. Christopher's

- PE is on Tuesday please wear PE kits

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 2.30pm. Year 6 parents are

invited to attend.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Whole school enrichment day – please wear PE kits:

Morning singing & dance workshops

- Afternoon – Movie

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July Whole school visit to Whiteh Hall. Please wear Friday uniform

and bring a waterproof jacket

Last Day of Term - School reopens on Tuesday 3rd

September